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Agenda item 6
Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session

Draft report

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Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 28 May 1999. The Preparatory Committee held _____ meetings (1st to _____) and a number of informal meetings. Also, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/28 of 19 November 1998, the Preparatory Committee established an in-session open-ended working group, which met from 24 to 28 May 1999.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Cristian Maquieira (Chile), who also made a statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 17 May, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations made an introductory statement.

4. At the same meeting, introductory statements were made by the Director-General of the International Labour Organization and the Vice-President and Head of the Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Network of the World Bank.

B. Attendance

5. The following States were represented: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab

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Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. The following units and programmes of the United Nations were represented: Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, United Nations Volunteers Programme.

7. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Intellectual Property Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Council of Europe, European Community, International Committee of the Red Cross, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Organization of African Unity and Organization of the Islamic Conference.

9. In accordance with decision 7 of the Preparatory Committee, adopted at its organizational session held in May 1998,[1] a number of non-governmental organizations also attended the session.

C. Officers

10. The officers of the Preparatory Committee, elected at its organizational session in 1998, remained:

Chairman:
Cristian Maquieira (Chile)

Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities:
Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairmen:
Abdallah Baali (Algeria)
Ion Gorita (Romania)
Koos Richelle (Netherlands)

Ex officio:
Aurelio Fernandez (Spain)

D. Agenda

11. At its 1st meeting, on 17 May, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document A/AC.253/5. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Status of preparations for the special session.
3. Preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.
4. Consideration of further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit.
5. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session.

E. Documentation

12. The Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/AC.253/5);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparations for the special session (A/AC.253/6);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on a preliminary assessment of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/AC.253/7);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on further initiatives for the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/AC.253/8);

(e) Note by the Secretariat on contributions from relevant organs, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system (A/AC.253/9 and Add.1-10);

(f) Note by the Secretariat on participation of non-governmental organizations (A/AC.253/10 and Add.1);

(g) Note verbale dated 20 May 1999 from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/AC.253/11);

(h) Proposed organization of work of the session (A/AC.253/L.4);

(i) Proposed outcome of the first substantive session submitted by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.253/L.5);

(j) Note by the Secretariat on participation of non-governmental organizations (A/AC.253/CRP.1).

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 45* (A/53/45), chap. VI, sect. B.